

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2829 - HB 2850**

February 7, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the definition of *vehicular homicide* to add the reckless killing of another by the operation of an automobile as the proximate result of the driver's failure to exercise due care, or inadvertence or inattention, in a construction zone or a school safety zone. This category of vehicular homicide will be punished as a Class D felony.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

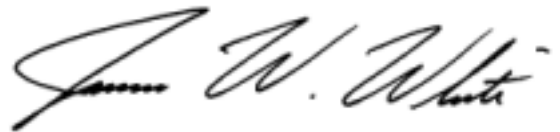
#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$3,300/Incarceration\***

Assumes one additional Class D felony conviction every three years, based upon information on deaths occurring in these zones that potentially would be charged and convicted under the provisions of the bill.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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